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### [54] REMOTE CONTROLLER USER INTERFACE AND METHODS RELATING THERETO

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### [57] ABSTRACT

A remote controller user interface for accessing information within a computer system. The remote controller contains a window display area for displaying pictorial, graphical and textual information, and a button bank area for controlling the information displayed within the window display area. In a preferred embodiment, the remote controller is generated by a computer program which permits the user to access information about movies. By selecting the appropriate button of the remote controller, various information is displayed within the window display area of the remote controller, as well as upon the screen of the computer system display device. By use of the remote controller, users with little or no prior computer experience are confronted with a recognizable user interface which permits easy access to information.

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